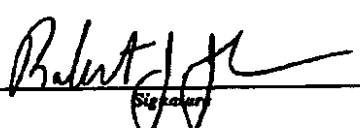
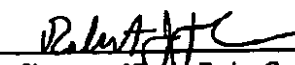


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)			Dock 1 No. 2002-1411.ORI
In Re Application Of: Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd.			
Serial No. 09/745,896	Filing Date December 21, 2000	Examiner MANOHARAN, Virginia	Group Art Unit 1764
Invention: Method For Purification Of Acrylic Acid			
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>			
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>01/15/2004</u> of the <u>above-identified</u> application. <small>Date</small>			
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):			
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from: <u>April 15, 2004</u> <small>Date</small>		until: <u>May 15, 2004</u> <small>Date</small>	
The fee for the extension of time is \$110 and is to be paid as follows:			
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0789 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0789			
 <small>Signature</small>		Dated: May 10, 2004	
cc:		I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on <u>May 10, 2004</u> to <u>1-703-872-9310</u>  <small>Signature of Person Faxing Correspondence</small> <u>Robert J. Jacobson</u> <small>Printed Name of Person Faxing Correspondence</small>	

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